## McDonald County Commission—Minutes

January 13, 2016

Present:

John Bunch - Eastern Commissioner David Holloway- Western Commissioner Keith Lindquist- Presiding Commissioner Kimberly Bell - County Clerk

## **General Business**

At the request of Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon, teams of local, state and federal disaster specialists are conducting Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDAs) in Missouri counties impacted by severe storms, heavy rains, flooding and flash flooding that began in December 2015. Keith Lindquist (Presiding Commissioner), John Bunch (Eastern Commissioner), Kimberly Bell (County Clerk) and Gregg Sweeten (Emergency Management Director) met with State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to assess flood damage around McDonald County. Preliminary damage assessments are designed to gather general information about the disaster's impacts. They provide a big picture of the disaster and do not include detailed examination of every affected road or public building. State officials can use the survey information to determine whether disaster recovery is within the state's capabilities or whether federal disaster assistance may be needed. The teams are comprised of specialists familiar with evaluation damage to various types of infrastructure, considering environmental and historic preservation impacts and looking at mitigation opportunities to help communities rebuild stronger and more resilient to future disasters.

Commission would like to notify residents the Courthouse County offices will be opened Monday January 18th, 2016. However, Circuit Clerks Court office will be closed for the State Holiday: Martin Luther King's Day.

## **ADJOURN**

Commission will reconvene on January 14th, 2016

John Bunch

Monday January 11th, 2016

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